



World Forest Institute

Seeking education and natural resource professionals

1 week and 6-12 month professional development programs at
the World Forestry Center in Portland, Oregon, USA

The World Forestry Center (WFC) is a non-profit forestry education organization based in Portland, Oregon, USA. (www.worldforestry.org). We are pleased to announce three exciting professional development opportunities in the U.S. for educators and natural resource professionals. Please visit the websites or contact us for additional information. These are partial fellowship awards and some self-funding is required.

1) International Educators Institute - term: one week - application deadline February 28, 2009.

The International Educators Institute is an innovative forest study tour for environmental educators and forest researchers. Combining content-rich, hands-on experiences in the field with a multicultural exchange of best practices in education and research, IEI seeks to advance effective teaching and learning about social, economic, and environmental challenges facing the world's forests. World-class scenery, special behind-the-scenes tours, and interviews with local people are combined with peer-to-peer leadership development. The course is scheduled July 12-17, 2009 in Portland, Oregon, and the application deadline is Feb. 28, 2009. For more information visit:

http://www.worldforestry.org/wfi/dm_institute.php

2) Educator Fellowship - term: 12 months - application deadline February 15, 2009. The American Forest Foundation and Harry A. Merlo Foundation are jointly sponsoring an educator to the WFI Fellowship program for one year to continue research and curriculum development for "Global Connections: Forests of the World." The Fellow will fully participate in the WFI Fellowship program (see below) and conduct curriculum research, review activity modules, and work with other education professionals. Applicant must be a non-US citizen proficient in written and oral English, be a strong communicator, and be an educator with some natural resource background. A stipend and health insurance are provided. For details visit: <http://wfi.worldforestry.org/opportunity.pdf>

3) WFI International Fellowship Program - term: 6-12 months - applications accepted year-round.

The WFI Fellowship brings professionals in natural resources to conduct a practical research project at the World Forestry Center. In addition to projects, Fellows participate in weekly field trips, interviews and site visits to Northwest forestry organizations, research labs, universities, public and private timberlands, trade associations, mills, and corporations. The Fellowship is a unique opportunity to learn about sustainable forestry from the Pacific Northwest forestry sector, and to work with colleagues from around the world. Fellowships are open to any country, and there is a matching grant from the Harry A. Merlo Foundation. Over 70 Fellows from 23 countries have participated to date. Applications are accepted year-round. For details, visit: <http://wfi.worldforestry.org/fellowship-1.htm>

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